SUBJECT NO. 38.

Refund of the value of stamps.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Just as the courts return half the cost of stamps in case of compromise, in *ex parte* decrees also, half the cost of stamps may be ordered to be refunded.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Will be considered with the previous subject.

SUBJECT NO. 39.

Abolition of stamp fee for heirship certificates when the amount is less than Rs. 1,000.

Messrs. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk; and S. Manjaiya, Chikmagalur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Prior to the year 1901 (*i.e.*, prior to the introduction of the new Court Fees Act) no stamp fee was levied for heirship certificates, when the amount involved was less than Rs. 1,000. The levy of a uniform rate of Rs. 2 per cent under the present rules works harshly on poor people. It is therefore prayed that the old rule exempting stamp fee for heirship certificates when the amount involved is less than Rs. 1,000 may be restored.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. The subject has already been decided.

SUBJECT NO. 40.

Receipts for petitions.

Messrs. Naraharaiya and Chennalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In revenue courts receipts are granted for petitions presented if desired, and the necessary stamp is given. Similarly receipts may be given in Criminal and Civil Courts.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 41.

Stamp fees for copies of judgments.

Messrs. W. Tirumala Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality; Venkatasamaiya, E. Rama Rao, and Padmanna, Nanjangud Taluk; and A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In summons cases, the accused have to pay a pretty large sum in the shape of stamps for obtaining copies of judgments against which an appeal is preferred, while in the case of judgments of Civil Courts, only a fee of 8 annas is levied for copies of judgments whatever their length may be. On the same principle a fee of only 8 annas may be levied on copies of judgments in criminal cases also.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. The subject has been recently decided in Government Proceedings No. J. 3322, dated 4th May 1910.

SUBJECT NO. 42.

Unexpended batta or stamps in civil court decrees.

Mr. C. Krishnamurti, Law Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—In decrees of Civil Courts, the amount of unexpended batta or the value of unused stamps, which will be at the credit of the parties, may be inserted for information of parties.

Mr. C. Krishnamurti said that there were no facilities for the parties to make out what stamps remained unused to their credit.

Mr. Raghavachar said that the abolition of the Central Nazarath system would remedy the evil to some extent.

Reply of Government.—A few concrete instances will be examined and means taken for speedily accounting for the moneys received.